

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An audio playback system comprising:
an audio content server, said audio content server includes pre-selected audio content ~~to~~
~~be selected~~ for playback; and
a device, said device to call said audio content server to request and receive an audio
playback of the selected audio content at a scheduled time.
2. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 where said device is a clock-radio
device.
- AI 3. (Currently amended) The audio playback system of claim 1 where said device ~~to~~ includes
an audio output speaker, said audio content server to play said selected audio content over said
audio output speaker.
4. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 where said device is to provide
authentication information prior to accessing said audio content server.
5. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 further comprising:
a registration server, said registration server includes a set of one or more phone numbers
of said audio content server, said device to call said registration server to receive one of said
phone numbers of said audio content server, said audio content server to store said one of said
phone numbers of said audio content server in a memory of said device.

6. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 5 where said device uses said one of said phone numbers of said audio content server to call said audio content server to request and receive said selected audio content.

7. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 5 where said device is to provide authentication information prior to accessing said registration server.

8. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 where said device includes a microphone, said microphone to select said selected audio content on said audio content server with interactive voice instructions, said microphone to provide subscriber information to said audio content server.

9. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 further comprising:
a user configuration server, said user configuration server to include a selection of audio content; and

a web based browser, said web based browser to access said user configuration server to select audio content to be played over said device.

10. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 9 where said web based browser is to access said user configuration server to update subscriber information.

11. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 where said web based browser is to provide authentication information prior to accessing said user configuration server.

12. (Currently amended) The audio playback system of claim 1 further comprising:
a schedule database server, said schedule database server to include subscriber calendar information, said ~~scheduler~~subscriber calendar information is to be played over said device.
13. (Currently amended) The audio playback system of claim 1 where said device ~~to~~includes a tactile console to schedule a time to play said selected audio content over said audio output speaker.
14. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 where the audio playback includes audio advertising information.
15. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 1 where said device ~~to~~includes a memory, said memory to store one or more device settings.
16. (Original) The audio playback system of claim 15 where said device settings to be received from said audio content server.
17. (Currently amended) The audio playback system of claim 15 where said device settings ~~to~~includes at least one selected from the group consisting of a phone number of said audio content server, an alarm time, an update timestamp, a radio frequency, and a wake-up option.
18. (Currently amended) A method to play selected audio content comprising:
accessing an audio content server to select ~~selecting~~ audio content ~~from an audio content server~~ to be provided via an audio playback over an audio output speaker;

scheduling a time to send a request to said audio content server for said audio playback of said selected audio content;

sending said request to receive said audio playback from said audio content server at said scheduled time; and

playing the audio playback of the selected audio content over said audio output speaker.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 where said selecting audio content includes to use interactive voice instructions to select said audio content.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 where said interactive voice instructions are to be made over a microphone.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18 where said selecting audio content includes to use a web based client to select said audio content.

22. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
accessing a registration server;
retrieving from said registration server a phone number of said audio content server; and
storing said phone number in a memory.

23. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
accessing said audio content server with said phone number.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
sending authentication information to said registration server to access said registration server.
25. (Original) The method of claim 18 where said sending includes sending authentication data to said audio content server.
26. (Original) The method of claim 18 where said selected audio content includes at least one selected from the group consisting of traffic information, news information, weather information, financial information, entertainment information, business information, schedule information, and sports information.
27. (Original) The method of claim 18 where said sending includes sending subscriber information to be updated on said audio content server.
28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
selecting audio content from an user configuration server, said user configuration server to include audio content selections to be selected to be provided via said audio playback to said audio output speaker.
29. (Original) The method of claim 18 where said scheduling includes scheduling an alarm on a clock-radio device.

30. (Original) The method of claim 18 where the audio playback includes audio advertising information.

31. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
receiving one or more device settings from said audio content server; and
storing said device settings in a memory.

32. (Currently amended) An apparatus to receive selected audio content comprising:
a transmitter unit, said transmitter unit to make a request to an audio content server for pre-selected audio content;
a receiver unit, said ~~receiving~~receiver unit to receive an audio playback of the selected audio content requested by said transmitter unit; and
an audio output speaker, said audio output speaker to output said audio playback of said selected audio content.

33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32 where said request is for an audio playback of said selected audio content, said audio playback to be directed to said audio output speaker.

34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32 further comprising:
a scheduler unit, said scheduler unit to schedule a time when said transmitter unit is to make said request.

35. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32 where said transmitter unit ~~to include~~s a microphone from where a subscriber may make said request.

36. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32 where said subscriber is to use said microphone to interact with said audio content server to select said selected audio content.

37. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 32 further comprising:
said transmitter unit to call a registration server, said registration server includes a set of one or more phone numbers of said audio content server;
said receiver unit to receive one of said phone numbers; and
said receiver unit to store ~~said phone~~ one of said phone numbers in a memory.

A/ 38. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32 where said request to include authentication information from which said transmitter unit is to use to access said audio content server.

39. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 32 where said request includes subscriber information to be updated on said audio content server.

40. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 32 where said transmitter unit is to select audio content from a user configuration server to be provided ~~directed~~directly to said audio output speaker.

41. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~40~~39 where said transmitter unit to provide subscriber information to said user configuration server, said user configuration server to store said subscriber information.

42. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32 where the audio playback includes audio advertising information.

43. (Original) The apparatus of claim 32 further comprising:

a memory, said memory to store one or more settings of said apparatus, said one or more settings to be received from said audio content server.

44. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause said processor to perform the following comprising:

accessing an audio content server to select ~~selecting audio content from an audio content~~
server to be provided via an audio playback over an audio output speaker;

scheduling a time to send a request to said audio content server for said audio playback of said selected audio content;

sending said request to receive said audio playback from said audio content server at said scheduled time; and

playing the audio playback of the selected audio content over said audio output speaker.

45. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 where said selecting audio content comprises using interactive voice instructions to select said audio content.

46. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 45 where said interactive voice instructions are to be made over a microphone when selecting audio content.

47. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 where said selecting audio content includes using a web based client to select said audio content.

48. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 further comprising:
accessing a registration server;
retrieving from said registration server a phone number of said audio content server; and
storing said phone number in a memory.

49. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 further comprising:
accessing said audio content server with said phone number.

50. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 further comprising:
sending authentication information to said registration server to access said registration server.

51. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 where said sending includes sending authentication data to said audio content server.

52. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 where said selected audio content includes at least one selected from the group consisting of traffic information, news information, weather information, financial information, entertainment information, business information, schedule information, and sports information when selecting audio content.

53. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 where said sending includes sending subscriber information to be updated on said audio content server.

54. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 further comprising:
selecting audio content from an user configuration server, said user configuration server to include audio content selections to be selected to be provided via said audio playback to said audio output speaker.

55. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 where said scheduling comprises scheduling an alarm on a clock-radio device.

56. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 where the audio playback comprises receiving audio advertising information.

57. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 44 further comprising:
receiving one or more device settings from said audio content server; and
storing said device settings in a memory.
